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Faversham Port Sanitary Authority.

ANNUAL REPORT OF MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR 1925.

The area of the Port of Faversham includes Faversham, Oare, Conyer, and Milton Creeks, all flowing into the Swale in that order from East to West; it also includes the East Swale and part of the West Swale as far as the commencement of the Port of Queenborough.

The total number of ships arriving in the Port (Faversham End) during the year is 840, made up as follows:—

	1925	1924
Faversham Creek (London and Home)	494	495
Faversham Creek (Foreign)	6	26
Oare and Conyer	340	350
	840	871

The cargoes from foreign are from cross-channel ports and comprise timber and granite and roofing tiles for the Faversham end: the home trade is chiefly barges loaded with bricks, corn and various merchandises; a few colliers for the gas works: a large quantity of manure is brought down for use on the land. There is also some traffic in iron and other material removed from the Railway Wharf.

INSPECTION.—This has been regularly carried on by the Inspector and myself as follows:

	Inspector.	Medical Officer.
Faversham	375	32
Oare & Conyer	120	20

Barges were ordered to be cleansed after carrying London manure. The water supply and arrangements for its storage have been satisfactory in all cases.

Seven defects have been found needing action to be taken or sending of written notices: these have been remedied.

No cases of infectious disease were reported on board any vessel in the port. It has not been found necessary to take any action under the Public Health Regulations as to Food Act. 1907.

Included in the area of the Port are the beds of the Faversham Oyster Co. and also other layings of shell fish on either side of the Swale: no case of infectious disease has been suspected of arising from them.

The necessary tables are appended.

CHARLES J. EVERS, M.D.,
M. O. H.

March, 1926.

REPORT OF THE PORT SANITARY INSPECTOR (FAVERSHAM END) FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st, 1925.

Your Worship and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my annual report as your Sanitary Inspector for the Faversham End of the Port area.

During the year the vessels inspected were:—

Faversham Creek	375
Oare Creek	106
Conyer Creek	14
	—
	495
	—

This total includes 5 from foreign ports laden with roofing tiles from France.

The vessels using the port are principally barges engaged in coast trade from London. Their freights consisted of timber, soap, corn, fertilisers and coal: at Oare and Conyer, breeze and manure. A large number have brought Thames ballast for use on the new County roads.

The barges bringing manure have been thoroughly cleansed after discharging their cargoes. Seven verbal notices have been given for this work. No cases of infectious disease occurred on board any vessel while in port. The arrangements for water storage on vessels have been satisfactory.

No food stuffs have arrived at the port within the meaning of the Public Health (Regulations as to Food) Act, 1907.

Following the recommendations of one of the Ministry's Inspectors after his visit to the area the Authority have provided a number of rat guards for use in connection with vessels from foreign ports bringing feeding stuffs into the port.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,
GEO. G. CULMER,
M.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.,
Port Sanitary Inspector.

20 West St.,
1st February, 1926.

FORM A.

Amount of Shipping entering the Port Sanitary District during the year 1925,

Faversham End.

	Number	Tonnage	Number Inspected by the Medical Officer	Number Inspected by the Sanitary Inspector	Number reported to be Defective	Number of Orders issued
Foreign Sailing ...	6	423	3	5	—	—
Total Foreign	6	423	3	5	—	—
Coastwise { Motor Vessels, Steamers }	4	275	4	2	—	—
Coastwise { Sailing	490	22477	25	368	—	—
Total Coastwise	494	22752	29	370	—	—
Oare and Conyer, Sailing (estimated) ...	340	13500	20	120	7	7
Total Foreign and Coastwise	840	36675	52	495	7	7

FORM B.

Rats destroyed in 1925.

Nil.

FORM C.

Plague Precautions : Measures against Rats.

Nil.